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Olmsted Locks & Dam Project Services

The Illinois Department of Commerce and Community Affairs (DCCA) and the Shawnee Community College Small Business Development Center provide a variety of services to assist contractors interested in accessing opportunities associated with the Olmsted Locks & Dam Project.

The Olmsted Project has been designated as the largest inland waterways project ever undertaken by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The project has a cost estimate of one billion dollars, and it is expected to employ 500-600 people during the 12-15 year project. This influx of people and money will have a definite impact on the economy of southern Illinois.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has designated the SBDC as the informational contact for contractors and supplies to the Olmsted Locks & Dam. Plans for the project are available in the SBDC.

DCCA and the SBDC offer the following supportive services for the Olmsted Locks & Dam Project:

- Conduct research, using reference materials, government publications and contacts with the U.S. Corps of Engineering and other federal buying agencies to identify the segments of the federal market that match each firm's product mix and administrative and technical capabilities.
- Help firms link up with major contractors to pursue participation on the Olmsted project as a subcontractor or supplier.
- Provide guidance to firms to help them fill out a range of required government forms. This also includes reviewing government requirements and contract terms to help the business person understand the meaning and significance of these requirements and terms.
- Provide follow-up and trouble-shooting assistance in every aspect of federal government contracting from contract award through successful contract completion.
- Work with the trade unions and George Goeddy, Department of Labor, to identify possible candidates for their apprenticeship programs.
- Identify opportunities for minority and female sub-contractors.
- Assist with interpretation of the Locks and Dam Specifications, which are available in the SBDC Office.
- Identify possible DBE and WBD subcontractors and assist them in understanding contracting opportunities.
- Monitor state legal paper, local papers and the Commerce Business Daily for bid opportunities for local contractors and subcontractors.
- Work with the Private Industry Council-SDA 26, to identify job training programs and seek federal and/or state funding for these programs.
- Cooperate with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers on the upcoming phases of the project.
- Develop and schedule training programs for area unions as needed.
- Establish and maintain contacts within the federal acquisition system and call on these contacts for help in providing assistance to firms.
- Utilize the Shawnee Community College Job Readiness Training Committee in addressing issues related to the project.

Projected Bid Dates and Cost Estimates

Project	Bid Date	Cost Estimate
Locks	Dec. 1995	$300 million
Boat Ramp Relocation	1997	$100,000
Building and Grounds	1998	$7 million
Approach Walls	Late 1997	$ 40 million
Dam	Mid-1998	$300 million
Demolition of Dam 52 & 53	Fall 2004	$10 million

The estimated completion date for the Olmsted Locks & Dam is 2006.

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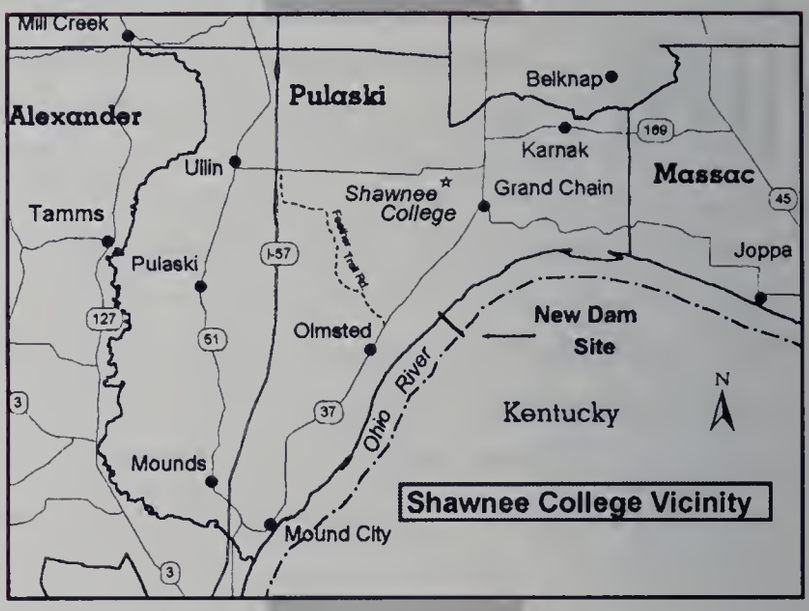

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